

# WOUNDED AVIATOR WANTS MORE FIGHT

## The Nation's Honor Roll

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### LETTERS FROM HOSPITAL

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Lieut. Eddie Rickenbacker, the American flier who zoomed into fame through a series of daredevil flights over the German lines, is in a hospital in Paris suffering from an injury received in the cloud battle in which he downed his eighth plane. The details of Rickenbacker's ear drums are not yet known. Details mentioned the fact that the aviator had been injured, but failed to supply details. A letter written by him to Priscilla Dean, motion picture actress discloses the real nature of his injury.

The letter, couched in the breezy amateur style characteristic of Rickenbacker, was written to her from his hospital cot and was received by Miss Dean at her home in Los Angeles. It said:

"Hello, My California Sunshine: You letter and photograph received. Gee! I give some years of my life to have just one week in California, but no, I must stay to the finish, for there is a lot to do."

"Have been in a Paris hospital with broken eardrums, which have given me some trouble. Will probably be in for a few more weeks. Gee! I wish you were here to nurse me a wee bit."

"Hello to mother and all the boys and girls. Write when convenient. As ever,

"Ricky of Oz."

**Connolly's Fate Is in Doubt.**

Edward M. Connolly of the National Surety Company of this city is seeking definite information concerning the fate of his son First Lieut. Stewart Dow Connolly of the Royal Canadian Air Forces, who was reported missing in August and later listed among the prisoners in a German camp. Up to the present time neither the United States nor the Canadian authorities have been able to ascertain which of the two reports is correct.

Lieut. Connolly is 23 years old and before entering the service made his home at Sparkill, N. Y. He had achieved a reputation as an amateur athlete, having won the metropolitan junior golf championship in 1912 and the Hudson River golf championship in 1915. He was a member of the Central Military Academy and Cadet School. When this country declared war he entered the first Plattsburgh Officers' Training Camp, but gave up his chances of winning a commission in the United States Army in order to enter the Canadian Air Forces.

In a letter written from a base hospital to his father Charles L. Hammond on Sept. 20, Charlie said: "I am well, thank you. I am in good health. I am a sergeant in Company D, Second Connecticut Infantry, and live at New Haven. I am in the Plattsburgh Officers' Training Camp. I am well, thank you. I am a sergeant in Company F, 161st Infantry. He is 28 years old and has a brother, Carl E. Hammond, in the service.

**Fneane Takes Ensign Lequin.**

Ensign Maurice L. Lequin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Lequin of 55 Chestnut street, New Orleans, La., died on October 12 on board an American transport, to which he was assigned. His death resulted from pneumonia, which had developed from an attack of influenza. He was making his first sea trip, having previously been stationed at New Orleans.

Ensign Lequin was 22 years old, and was a graduate of the East Orange High School. He was attending the University of Virginia when he entered the United States Naval Reserve force. His twin brother, Eugene Lequin, is a second lieutenant of infantry and is stationed at Camp Dix. Another brother, E. Gerard Lequin, is a member of the Naval Reserve.

Mrs. Sarah Connally of 127 Smith street, Brooklyn, has received word that her son, Private Harry H. Connally of Company E, 11th Infantry, was killed in action on Oct. 12. He had been a letter carrier and was 29 years old.

Private Franklin W. Ott of Company H, 19th Infantry, killed in action on September 2, lived at 1059 Decatur street, Brooklyn. Previous to his enlistment he had served several months in the ranks of the New York National Guard. His brother, Carl Ott, is also in the service.

Private William Siedenburg, mentioned in yesterday's casualty lists, was killed by an exploding shell, according to a letter received by his mother, Mrs. Catherine Siedenburg, from a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the 302d Engineers. Siedenburg was an electrician when he joined the Engineers Corps in September, 1917.

**Gets Taste of Gas, but Feels Fine.**

"I got a taste of German gas, but am feeling fine and can't kick," wrote Private Benjamin Seligman of Company A, 10th Infantry, in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Anna, 249 Hart street, Brooklyn. Seligman is 25 years old and sailed for France last April. He was gassed on August 20.

In the fighting on September 8 Sergeant Joseph Donovan of 444 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, received fifteen shrapnel wounds in his right leg, and prevented another hit of shrapnel from entering his abdomen. Sergeant Donovan is a graduate of Richmond Hill High School and the College of the City of New York. He is 25 years old.

Corporal F. W. Jurgens, Jr., of the 14th Infantry, was severely wounded in action on September 14, the day following his twenty-third birthday, according to a War Department telegram received by his father who lives at 49 William street, Orange, N. J. Jurgens enlisted soon after the United States entered the war.

**Arlington Man Air Hero.**

Lieut. J. Edwin Probst of the American air forces died September 10 of wounds received in a cloud battle nine days before, when he and several other American aviators attempted to drive off a raiding party of German planes which was endeavoring to spot the American cavalry. Lieut. Probst lived with his parents at 659 Belgrave avenue, Arlington, N. J. He was 23 years old and enlisted in August, 1917.

Corporal Edward J. Malone of Company K, 207th Infantry, who was killed in action September 9, died with his mother, Mrs. Eleanor J. Malone, 248 University avenue, The Bronx. He was 24 years old and was register of Fordham University, from which he was graduated with honors in 1915. In his last letter to his mother he said that he had been promoted to sergeant and to command his platoon, and that he had been promoted to corporal.

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"I am glad to be with the boys on the firing line," he wrote.

Lieut. John J. Reschlin, 24 years old, reported killed in action, was the son of Gustav Reschlin, a tailor of 235 Fifth avenue.

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